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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

If I have cornered the market on "insulting and wrong-headed letters, then please disregard this letter.

A re-reading of my June 6 note to you has utterly convinced me that I in no way whatsoever accused you of "covering up" anything. I did say your name was being misused by those who would prefer that we never know the truth about the assassinations, and I'll stick by that. Unprincipled cruds like Lardner have no right to misuse the names of competent critics such as yourself. Lardner even had the gall, after all the derogatory material he had written about R.A. Sprague, to turn around and write about him in virtually glowing terms, as soon as he had resigned: "Looking tan and fit..." This was leading up to the fact that Sprague had uttered statements critical of the Committee's work. Bull.

The Lardners of the media are continuing to pick and choose the facts regarding the investigation as they see fit, for their own purposes, which to me are clearly evil. The result is grossly distorted material which is designed to sway public opinion against the investigation. And they even stoop to invoke your name as a critic of the Committee (which of course you are, but for different reasons), and the best you can do is blast at me for suggesting to you that something might be amiss here. Come on. These guys couldn't care less about the excellent research you've done, or the facts you've uncovered; all they care about is discrediting the Committee so that the murderers can remain at large.

Your work should not be allowed to stand alone, for if it does, it is wasted. What's the use of it if the killers aren't located and brought to justice? Answer me that.

But if you're just going to send me another cranky letter, for goodness sakes save your breath.

Sincerely,

*JW Burke Jr.*